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DENTAL HYGIENISTS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of registered dental hygienists along with the number of institutes running the course on dental hygienists in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to regulate and elevate the standards of dental hygienist course/ profession and also give dental hygienists a better representation in the Dental Council of India; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to strengthen dental care system in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)

(a) & (b): The list of registered dental hygienists is not maintained centrally. A Statement containing the list of dental institutions, which have been given permission to run the dental hygienists course, State/UT-wise, is annexed. There is no proposal under consideration of the Government to provide representation of Dental Hygienists in Dental Council of India.

(c): The National Oral Health Programme (NOHP) is being implemented during the 12th Five Year Plan. The objectives of the program are as follows:

1. Improvement in the determinants of oral health e.g. healthy diet, oral hygiene improvement, etc and to reduce disparity in oral health accessibility in rural & urban population.

2. Reduce morbidity from oral diseases by strengthening oral health services at Sub-district / District hospital to start with.

3. Integrate oral health promotion and preventive services with general health care system and other sectors that influence oral health, namely, various National Health Programs.

4. Promotion of Public Private Partnership (PPP) for achieving public health goals.